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PBBM delivers aid for food, education in Pampanga



CLARK FREEPORT — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the “Bawat Bayan Makikinabang” Project and the Orientation of Presidential Scholars held at the Clark Picnic Grounds within the Clark Aviation Capital on Thursday, May 14.

The President directly delivered aid for food, education, and community programs. As part of the program, 505 barangays in Pampanga and 33 barangays in Angeles City each received ₱200,000 in financial assistance, for a total of ₱107.6 million. Under the guidelines of the initiative, half of the allocation, or ₱100,000 per barangay, will be earmarked for scholarship assistance. Each barangay will identify five student-beneficiaries who will receive ₱20,000 each, with priority given to students at risk of financial hardship. Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) presidents attended the ceremonial turnover of checks on behalf of their respective barangays, while around 400 scholars participated in the orientation program. In his message, President Marcos emphasized that the initiative seeks to strengthen barangays by equipping local officials with resources needed to address community needs and improve the delivery of basic services. The administration also continued its food security initiatives through the Local Government Support Fund Rice Distribution

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Converge reaches 3-M subscribers

ANGELES CITY — Converge ICT Solutions Inc.’s subscriber base reached more than 3 million amid the surge in its prepaid fiber internet users, and reported sustained growth with P11.2 billion in revenues in the first quarter of the year.

As of end-March 2026, the total Converge subscriber base reached 3.09 million, representing a 14% year-on-year (YoY) improvement.

A key driver of this growth was the Surf2Sawa (S2S) prepaid fiber service, which saw its subscriber base skyrocket by 86.7% YoY to reach 674,000 customers.

“We are focused on expanding our fiber footprint

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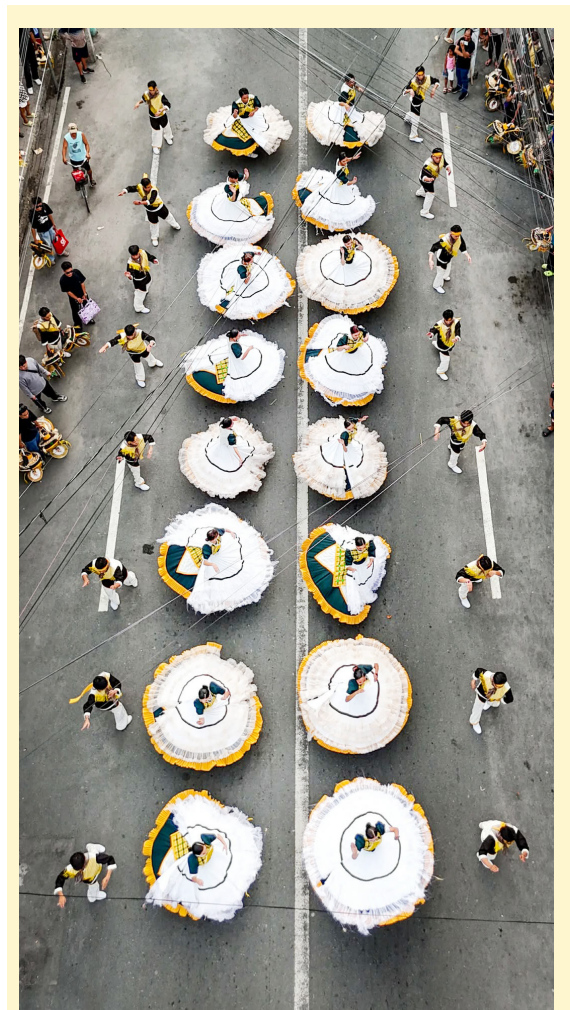
PLDT marks ₱54.9-B gross service revenues in Q1

PLDT Inc. reported a Gross Service Revenues growth of 3% to ₱54.9 billion, while Net Service Revenues (net of interconnect costs) held steady at ₱48.9 billion in the first quarter of 2026. Growth in data and broadband helped offset declines in legacy services, supporting stable earnings and margins. Data and broadband revenues totaled ₱41.9 billion, accounting for 86% of Net Service Revenues versus 85% last year. Excluding legacy drag, Net Service Revenues grew 2%.

Consolidated EBITDA increased 2% to ₱28.3 billion, with EBITDA margin steady at 52% for the quarter. Capital expenditure

for the first three months of 2026 amounted to ₱10 billion, compared to ₱10.8 billion in the same period last year, as PLDT continued to exercise discipline in capital spending while prioritizing investments that support growth and

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Colors, patterns and synchronous moves dominated the late afternoon of May 14, 2026 at Quezon Drive Street as Barangay Dau celebrated Sarul Festival with a streetdance competition as one of the crowd-drawing highlights. The busy street closed momentarily around 3pm-5pm to give way to the marching contingents. **(Jan Darren Guiwan)**

AC buzzes for sustainable beekeeping

ANGELES CITY — The Angeles City Government is continuing to promote sustainable agriculture, environmental protection, and local livelihood through its beekeeping initiatives in celebration of Bee Month this May.

Under the leadership of Mayor Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II and through the efforts of the Angeles City Agriculture Office, the city government highlighted the importance of supporting local beekeepers and eco-friendly farming practices.

Among the featured local beekeepers is Andrew Tiglao of Carmenville Subdivision, Barangay Cutcut, who started backyard beekeeping in 2013. Through years of dedication and environmental

advocacy, Tiglao successfully expanded his organic honey production, which is now recognized as Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Organic Certified Pampanga and Guaranteed Organic Philippines Certified.

According to the City Agriculture Office, Tiglao’s products consist of pure and raw honey harvested directly from bee hives without additives, preserving its natural nutrients and health benefits.

City officials also emphasized the vital role of bees in the ecosystem, particularly in pollination, which contributes to food production and agricultural sustainability.

Importance of Bees
The City Agriculture

Office noted that bees can travel up to five kilometers to gather nectar from various flowers and plants, helping maintain abundant harvests and ecological balance.

Organic and Eco-Friendly Products

Aside from honey, local beekeepers also produce all-natural products such as beeswax balm, soaps, creams, and lip balms using organic and environment-friendly ingredients.

As part of the Bee Month celebration, the city government encouraged Angeleños to support local products, help protect bee populations, and participate in sustainable and eco-friendly practices for the benefit of future generations and the environment.



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Fiestang Balen showcases MSME growth

SANTA RITA — The Santa Rita De Casia Fiestang Balen Trade Fair 2026 highlighted local culture, entrepreneurship, and community pride as it gathered micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) at the Santa Rita Covered Court in Barangay San Jose, Santa Rita recently.

The event showcased the strong partnership between the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Local

Government Unit of Santa Rita in promoting and empowering local businesses.

A total of 17 MSMEs participated in the trade fair, presenting a variety of Kapampangan-made products, including local delicacies, handicrafts, and other innovative goods that reflected the creativity and craftsmanship of local entrepreneurs.

Organizers said the trade fair served not only as a marketplace but also

as a platform for business growth, collaboration, and community development. The event also encouraged residents and visitors to support local enterprises and recognize the dedication of entrepreneurs behind every product.

The activity formed part of the municipality’s Fiestang Balen celebration, promoting local pride and strengthening support for homegrown industries in Pampanga.



The Local Government Unit of Santa Rita and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) launch the Santa Rita De Casia Fiestang Balen Trade Fair 2026 to promote and empower local businesses.

CIAC, Unilab partner up for free blood, bone screening

CLARK — The Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC) continues to promote preventive healthcare and employee wellness through a partnership with Unilab Inc. in providing free blood and bone screening services for employees.

The screening activity

was held at the CIAC Training Room on May 11 and underscored the importance of early detection and proactive health management in maintaining a healthy and productive workforce.

Aside from the screening services, employees were also given access to

health support initiatives, including product samples, enrollment in Unilab’s compliance program, and product offerings from its trade partners.

CIAC said the initiative forms part of its continuing efforts to prioritize the health and well-being of its workforce.



CIAC Vice President for Finance and Administration Nancy Paglinawan lines up as part of CIAC and Unilab’s free blood and bone screening services.

CIDG seizes ₱30-M illegal soy sauce products in Pampanga

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Authorities seized around ₱30 million worth of equipment and soy products during a raid on an alleged illegal soy sauce manufacturing facility in Barangay Sta. Lucia, City of San Fernando.

The operation was conducted by the CIDG Pampanga Provincial Field Unit, CIDG Regional Field

Unit 3 Special Operations Team, Police Regional Office 3 Special Operations Group, and the San Fernando City Police Station through the implementation of a search warrant for violation of the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009.

A male suspect identified only as “Aldo,” a resident of Sta. Lucia, was arrested after authorities allegedly

caught him operating the facility and possessing large quantities of unregistered “Mr. Cook” soy sauce and soy products. Investigators also found that the facility was allegedly not registered with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

Confiscated during the raid were processing equipment,

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JDN Realty inaugurates new office

ANGELES CITY — JDN Realty Group formally inaugurated its new Head Office recently through a ceremonial ribbon-cutting led by President and CEO Aaron Montenegro, together with Chairman Arni Valdes and Chairman Emeritus Peter Nepomuceno.

Company officials

described the new headquarters as more than just a new office space, but a symbol of the company’s continued growth, collaboration, and shared accomplishments through the years.

The new Head Office is expected to serve as a hub where ideas, innovation, and teamwork will continue

to drive the company toward new milestones and future developments.

JDN Realty Group said the opening of the new facility reflects its commitment to progress, continuity, and purposeful growth as it continues to expand its presence and strengthen its operations in the years ahead.



JDN Realty Group President and CEO Aaron Montenegro, together with Chairman Arni Valdes and Chairman Emeritus Peter Nepomuceno, formally inaugurate its new Head Office recently through a ceremonial ribbon-cutting.



KUWENTONG PEYUPS

BY: ATTY. DENNIS GORECHO

The political economy theory of Karl Marx

LONDON UNITED KINGDOM — While travelling around London I saw some posters promoting Karl Marx walking tour as part of “A Journey Through London’s Revolutionary History”.

Karl Marx (May 5, 1818 - March 14, 1883) was a German philosopher, social and political theorist, economist, journalist, and revolutionary socialist.

He developed the theory of historical materialism, analyzing class struggle under capitalism and predicting the system’s overthrow by the proletariat in favor of communism.

Marx co-authored The Communist Manifesto (1848) with his lifelong friend Friedrich Engels, and undertook a critique of classical political economy in his magnum opus, Das Kapital (1867–1894).

Marx’s ideas and their subsequent development, collectively known as Marxism, have had enormous influence and have influenced revolutions and uprisings in many countries.

Marx’s work inspired protests and strikes, rebellions and revolutions, terrorism and war, struggles for freedom, democracy and liberty, as well as regimes of tyrannical repression.

The walking tour aims to offer perspectives on both Marx the man and his ideas.

For Karl Marx fans, the tour was described as “a kind of pilgrimage - a chance to engage with London’s rich Marx-related history and to meet people with similar interests from around the world.”

It added: “Karl Marx was the most influential thinker of modern times. His epic life story combines comedy and tragedy, love and hate, hope and despair. This set

the backdrop to an intellectual expedition that sought to unravel the mysteries of history, politics, economics and philosophy.”

The tour was an offshoot of “Marx as a Migrant” project created for Marx’s 200th anniversary in 2018 on Marx and Engels’ political and personal lives in London.

I read some of the books of Marx when I was still a student of the School of Economics in the University of the Philippines (UP).

The Marxist economic theory, developed by Marx and Engels, analyzes capitalism as a system based on class struggle, where the bourgeoisie (owners) exploit the proletariat (workers) by extracting surplus value.

Key pillars include the labor theory of value, historical materialism, and the prediction that inherent contradictions will lead to capitalism’s collapse and replacement by socialism.

Under the labour theory of value, Marx argued that the value of any commodity is determined by the “socially necessary labor time” required for its production. Labor is the sole source of new value, as described in works like Capital.

Capitalists pay workers less than the value their labor creates and keep the difference, known as “surplus value,” as profit. This mechanism is viewed as the fundamental form of exploitation in capitalist society.

The theory argues that these contradictions would lead to a revolution by the proletariat, ending private ownership of the means of production.

In the Philippines, “red-tagging” somewhat is based on the misplaced understanding of the works of Marx and Engels.

“Belief in communism has historically been used as a bogey to create non-existent exigencies for purposes of national security,” said Supreme Associate Justice Marcvic Leonen in his separate opinion in the case of Zarate v. Aquino (G.R. No. 220028 November 10, 2015). Leonen added, “History records the many human rights violations that may have been caused by this unsophisticated view of some in the echelons of military power. History, too teaches that toleration and the creation of wider deliberative spaces are the more lasting and peaceful ways to debunk worn-out ideologies.”

Justice Leonen has noted that ideological beliefs—whether Marxism, communism, or others—are not punishable, as they are protected by the constitutional guarantee of free speech and thought.

In Deduro Vs. Vinoya (G.R. No. 254753, July 04, 2023), Leonen stressed that “our own history is an example of when the premise of suppressing the alleged terrors of Communism led to decades of exploiting power for oppression and death.”

Leonen added in the Deduro case that “a person seeking the protective ambit of a writ of amparo need not await the inimical outcomes of being red-tagged to come to pass to be entitled to the writ. The heightened risk of danger or death brought about being labelled as a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, or even merely being adjacent to a Communist cause should be seriously considered by judges in amparo proceedings.”

“Let us join the fight to stop any form of baseless red-tagging and to protect the enabling environment for a academic freedom of thought and expression, that has nurtured critical minds, social consciousness and a sense of service and nation-building that have become the hallmarks of our University’s tradition of education,” former UP Diliman chancellor Fidel R. Nemenzo said in a 2021 statement.

(Peyups is the moniker of the University of the Philippines. Atty. Dennis R. Gorecho heads the Seafarers’ Division of the Sapalo Velez Bundang Bulilan Law Offices. For comments, e-mail info@sapalovelez.com, or call 0908-8665786.)

PhilRice urges climate-smart rice choices vs possible El Niño



Experts from the Philippine Rice Research Institute advise farmers to adopt early-maturing and drought-tolerant rice varieties as part of preparations for the possible El Niño expected later this year. (PhilRice File Photo)

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ — The Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) is encouraging farmers to adopt climate-smart rice varieties and water-saving farming practices to help protect crops and secure harvests amid the possible onset of El Niño later this year.

PhilRice is advising farmers to plant early-maturing and drought-tolerant rice varieties that can better withstand limited water supply and heat stress while maintaining stable yields under dry conditions.

PhilRice senior plant breeder Christopher Cabusora said selecting suitable rice varieties is one of the practical ways farmers can prepare for water-limited conditions.

“These varieties help farmers cope with heat stress and limited water supply. They require less irrigation, mature in about 106 to 113 days, and can still yield 3 to 6 tons per hectare under stress-prone conditions,” Cabusora

explained.

He said that drought-tolerant varieties are designed to survive prolonged periods of limited water, while early-maturing varieties allow farmers to harvest sooner and avoid the peak effects of dry conditions.

Through the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Seed Program, PhilRice continues to distribute recommended varieties and plans to introduce newer releases such as PSB Rc 10, NSIC Rc 480, Rc 594, Rc 596, Rc 572, Rc 732, and Rc 740.

These varieties are designed to help farmers maintain productivity even during below-normal rainfall.

Aside from using climate-resilient seeds, farmers are also encouraged to adopt water-conserving practices, avoid unnecessary water wastage, and closely monitor weather advisories to reduce risks from

extreme heat, pests, and crop diseases.

According to forecasts from the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, El Niño may develop between June and August 2026, potentially causing water shortages in major rice-producing regions.

PhilRice climate-smart maps show that of the country’s 1.58 million hectares of rice areas in Luzon, about 301,000 hectares are highly susceptible to drought, while another 280,000 hectares are moderately vulnerable.

In Mindanao, around 150,000 hectares are highly susceptible, while more than 205,000 hectares in the Visayas face similar risks.

By promoting climate-resilient farming strategies, PhilRice aims to help farmers safeguard their livelihoods while supporting resilient agriculture and more livable rural communities.

Bataan farmers’ livelihood gets boost from DENR processing facility

BAGAC, Bataan — A farmers’ group in Bagac town is set to improve its livelihood opportunities after receiving a cashew processing facility from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The Barangay Small Coconut Farmers Association of Parang, Inc. (BSCFAPI), a holder of a Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) Agreement, received the facility under DENR’s CBFM Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

DENR Regional Executive Director Ralph Pablo said the facility will help the group add value to its crops, diversify income sources, and strengthen

the economic resilience of the upland community.

“BSCFAPI’s efforts show how forest communities can improve their livelihood while protecting the natural resources they depend on, especially so with the proper support from the government,” Pablo said.

Aside from cashew processing, the association has also tapped coconut resources in its area to produce buko pie, creating another marketable product for members.

Bataan Peninsula State University also provided technical training to strengthen the group’s enterprise management and product development capacity.

Brenda Clemente, head of the DENR community office in Bagac, said the group has secured a steady outlet for its products through a partnership with the Hermosa Ecozone in Bataan.

The initiative supports Executive Order No. 263, which recognizes the role of local communities and indigenous peoples in protecting, rehabilitating, developing, and managing forestlands and coastal resources.

Through the CBFM program, the DENR provides legal and technical support to promote equitable access to natural resources while advancing sustainable livelihood and forest protection.



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Program, during which 1,500 beneficiaries received 10 kilos of rice each, including indigenous peoples, solo parents, farm workers, PWDs, and other low-income families.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. also spoke with 400 Bagong Pilipinas Barangay Scholars who are part of over 2,525 scholars in Pampanga set to receive ₱20,000 in educational assistance from the Socio-Civic Projects Fund (SCPF). The President encouraged the scholars to strive hard and become partners in developing their communities.

The “Bawat Bayan Makikinabang” Program aims to directly assist low-income families by empowering local government units to implement community-based support programs and essential public services.

Inspection of PPH-Clark

President Marcos Jr. also inspected the newly completed Pampanga Provincial Hospital-Clark (PPH-Clark), reaffirming the government’s commitment to improving public healthcare services in Central Luzon.

Located at Changi Gateway, Clark Global City, the state-of-the-art government healthcare facility is expected to serve not only residents of Pampanga but also more than 151,500 employees, business locators, and investors operating within the Clark Freeport Zone.

Joining President Marcos during the inspection were Pampanga Governor Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, Vice Governor Dennis “Delta” Pineda, members of the House of Representatives, mayors from various local government units in Pampanga, and officials from key government agencies including the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), Clark Development Corporation (CDC), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), PhilHealth, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH), and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA).

The hospital was formally inaugurated and blessed on April 29, 2026, marking another milestone in the Provincial Government of Pampanga’s continuing efforts to provide accessible, quality, and specialized healthcare services to Kapampangans

and neighboring provinces in Central Luzon.

PPH-Clark is the first government hospital established within the Clark Freeport Zone. The facility was developed by the Provincial Government of Pampanga in partnership with national government agencies and stakeholders and stands on a 9,259-square meter property made available through a usufruct agreement with the Clark Development Corporation.

The construction of the hospital amounted to P601.74 million, funded through the combined support of the Provincial Government of Pampanga (P246.86 million), the Department of Health (P210 million), and PAGCOR (P100 million). The BCDA also allocated P44.88 million to improve accessibility to the facility.

In addition, the Provincial Government allocated P115.49 million for the procurement of medical equipment and hospital systems, while various partner agencies contributed P140.57 million worth of additional medical equipment and supplies through donations.

Built in accordance with Department of Health standards for Level II hospitals, PPH-Clark is equipped with modern medical technology and advanced diagnostic capabilities, including X-ray machines, CT scan units, endoscopy systems, and mammogram equipment.

The hospital will offer comprehensive healthcare services, including Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYNE), Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), alongside ancillary services such as radiology, laboratory, pulmonary, cardiovascular, dental, and dietary services. According to PhilHealth, the hospital also has an ongoing application for accreditation as a YAKAP facility.

The three-storey facility has a total bed capacity of 143, consisting of 17 private rooms, 16 semi-private rooms, and 110 ward beds.

Beyond healthcare delivery, the hospital is also expected to contribute to employment generation and economic growth in the province.

Once fully operational, PPH-Clark is projected to create approximately 401 employment opportunities for Kapampangans.

The establishment of the Pampanga Provincial Hospital-Clark reflects the Provincial Government’s continuing commitment to strengthening public healthcare systems and improving the quality of life of every Kapampangan.

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especially in the Visayas and Mindanao, to serve more Filipinos with world-class connectivity,” said Converge Co-Founder and CEO Dennis Anthony Uy. “Our enterprise customers will also get a boost with the completion of our national digital infrastructure that sets the stage for providing cloud and data heavy services.”

The company’s Enterprise business has also sustained its growth trajectory, with revenues seeing a 16% growth during the quarter to reach P 2 billion.

Converge recently marked the completion of its future-ready national digital infrastructure designed to prop up its delivery of cutting-edge technologies and cement the Philippines’ position as a vital node in the global digital economy. The said architecture consists of its extensive fiber backbone and satellite network, international subsea cable systems, cable landing stations, and scalable data centers.

For the first quarter of 2026, Converge registered P 3.02 billion in net income. Its EBITDA grew by 3.3% to P 6.9 billion, with an EBITDA margin of 61.8 %, and Return

on Invested Capital (ROIC) standing at 15.6% by the end of the period.

“Despite geopolitical turmoil affecting the local economy and its growth prospects, we are able to insulate much of our operations from these. Our financial performance in the first quarter remains steady and we assure our subscribers - now at 3 million - that we hear them, and we’re improving resolution of our network challenges,” said Converge President and Co-Founder Maria Grace Uy.

Total cash capex for the first quarter of 2026 amounted to P 2.9 billion. The company maintains its capex guidance range at P 18 billion to P23 billion as reported at the start of the year.

“Our capex would mainly be used for the continued expansion and reinforcement of our network to continuously deliver reliable services, and at the same time, to prepare us for future demand. As we anticipate growth for both our consumer and enterprise segments, we want to keep our infrastructure resilient to support evolving customer needs and deliver more digital services,” said Converge Chief Finance Officer Robert Yu.

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service quality. This helped support PLDT’s positive free cash flow position as of end-March.

Core Income increased 2% to ₱9.1 billion, supported by Maya’s continued contribution and gains from asset sales under PLDT’s ongoing asset monetization program. This helped offset higher depreciation and amortization and softer telco operating results, with Telco Core Income at ₱8.6 billion. Reported Net Income for the first quarter of 2026 stood at ₱8.9 billion.

Consolidated Net Debt as of end-March 2026 amounted to ₱282.3 billion, while Net Debt-to-EBITDA improved to 2.53x from 2.56x as of end-2025. Gross Debt was at ₱297.3 billion, with maturities well spread out.

U.S. dollar-denominated debt accounted for 14% of Gross Debt, while unhedged debt remained limited at 5% of total debt. PLDT also continued to actively manage its funding costs, working with its bank partners to negotiate more favorable spreads and tenors on benchmark-linked borrowings, helping keep net financing costs steady quarter-on-quarter. PLDT’s credit ratings from Moody’s and S&P Global remain at investment grade.

“We are moving in the right direction,” said Manuel V Pangilinan, PLDT and Smart Chairman and CEO. “The fundamentals are sound, and the momentum is there, but our team is capable of more. We expect more of ourselves, and we intend to deliver.”

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GM BANK OF LUZON, INC.,
(A RURAL BANK herein represented
by: ALFREDO F. NAGAYO),
Petitioner-Mortgagee

- versus -
SPOUSES ARTHUR B. AQUINO
and JULIET M. AQUINO,
Respondents-Mortgagors

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NOTICE OF EXTRA - JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee GM BANK OF LUZON, INC., (A Rural Bank), with head office located at Brgy. Gen. Luna, Maharlika Highway, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, against Respondents-Mortgagors, SPOUSES ARTHUR B. AQUINO and JULIET M. AQUINO, residing at Purok 7, Blk. 2, Brgy. Saguin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 05, 2026 amounts to PESOS: FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY THREE and 04/100 (Php 471,733.04) excluding penalties, attorney’s fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on JUNE 17, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 708823-R
“ x x x A parcel of land (lot 7-C-1 of the subd. plan Psd-03-114224, being a portion of lot 7-C Psd-03-110961, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Saguin, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED (500) square meters, more or less. x x x

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 24, 2026, without further notice. Prospective buyers and bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the property described above, and the encumbrance thereon, if any there be.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, May 11, 2026.

(SGD)
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storage tanks, steam boilers, blending and mixing machines, filters, and 25 containers of concentrated soya extract and soy products.

CIDG Director PMGen. Robert AA Morico II said the manufacture and distribution of food products without FDA registration violate Republic Act No. 9711 and may

pose risks to consumers since the products have not undergone proper safety evaluation.

The CIDG said the operation forms part of intensified efforts to crack down on illegal manufacturing and protect consumers from unregistered products.

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BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO, Petitioner-Mortgagee.
- versus -
JENNIFER TORRES VAN BEYNEN, represented by ALFONSO DE LEON TORRES, Attorney-in-fact, Respondents-Mortgagors.
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E.J.F. No. 44-26
Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO, with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, against Respondent-Mortgagor, JENNIFER TORRES VAN BEYNEN represented by ALFONSO DE LEON TORRES, Attorney-in-fact, with postal addresses at: (1) 4011-E-D Evergreen Circle, Purok 4, Brgy. Mining, Angeles City, and (2) Unit 1917 19th Flr. Monaco Bldg., 2 Bali, The Resort Residences at Azure North, NLEX cor. Jose Abad Santos Avenue, San Jose, Brgy. San Jose, City of San Fernando,

Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 04, 2026 amounts to PESOS: THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND NINE and 56/100 (Php 3,215,009.56), excluding penalties, attorney’s fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on JUNE 17, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 042-2024000843
“IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:
AZURE NORTH
BUILDING TWO-BALI
LOCATION: NINETEENTH FLOOR
UNIT NO. ROOM 1917
FLOOR AREA: 27.79 SQUARE METERS. x x x

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 24, 2026, without further notice. Prospective buyers and bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the property described above, and the encumbrance thereon, if any there be.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, May 11, 2026.

(SGD)
Lyndon L. Isip
Sheriff IV/RTC-OCC, CSF(P)
(0923-617-7280)

Copy Furnished:
1.) BDO UNIBANK, INC. - 33RD FL., BDO CORP. CENTER ORTIGAS, NO. 12, ADB AVENUE, WACK-WACK, MANDALUYONG CITY
2.) JENNIFER TORRES VAN BEYNEN & ALFONSO DE LEON TORRES - 4011 - E - D EVERGREEN CIRCLE, PUROK 4, BRGY. MINING, ANGELES CITY
3.) JENNIFER TORRES VAN BEYNEN - UNIT 1917 19TH FLR. MONACO BLDG., 2 BALI, THE RESORT RESIDENCES AT AZURE NORTH, NLEX COR JOSE ABAD SANTOS AVENUE, SAN JOSE, BRGY. SAN JOSE, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA
4.) THE VOICE

THE VOICE NEWSWEEKLY. May 17, 24, 31, 2026

Jeepney drivers receive gov't cash aid, free health services



About 1,777 jeepney drivers from Tarlac received P5,000 each in cash relief assistance from the Department of Social Welfare and Development as support to help ease the impact of high fuel costs. (PIA 3 GIP)

TARLAC CITY — About 1,777 public utility jeepney (PUJ) drivers in Tarlac received P5,000 each in cash relief assistance from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) under the national government's Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food and Transport program.

In coordination with the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, the assistance aims to provide direct support to drivers and ease the impact of high fuel prices on their daily income.

Among the beneficiaries is Cesar Tabios, a PUJ driver from Tarlac City, who said the assistance came as timely relief for his fuel and daily expenses.

"Malaking bagay po ito na pandagdag sa fuel. Isa pa po, may pamilya kaming kailangan ng pang-araw-araw na hanapuhay kaya malaking bagay po ito (This is a big help as additional support for fuel. We also have families who depend on our daily livelihood, so this is a big help)," he said.

Tabios also expressed hope that government support for the transport sector will continue amid high fuel costs.

For Capas PUJ driver Eugene Ventura, the assistance will help ease the difficulties brought by reduced income due to fuel price increases.

"Malaking bagay po ang maitutulong nito sa amin lalo na sa pagtaas ng presyo ng langis dahil ilang buwan din kaming hindi nakalabas dahil doon (This will greatly help us, especially with the increase in fuel prices since we were unable to operate for several months because of it)," he shared.

Meanwhile, Jay Bautista, another driver from Tarlac City, expressed gratitude to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and the DSWD for the assistance. "Sa ating Pangulo, malaking tulong po ito. Sa ating Pangulo at sa DSWD, salamat po (To our President, this is a big help. To our President and to the DSWD, thank you)," he stated.

As part of continued support for the transport sector, the Provincial Government of Tarlac, in partnership with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and the Wireless Access for Health group, facilitated the drivers' access to essential health services during the payout.

PhilHealth Tarlac Local Health Insurance Office Chief Social Insurance Officer Maria Fleurdeliz Dallo said the provincial government requested the state-owned firm to assist the drivers in enrolling in the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program or YAKAP, to help them gain access to primary health services.

She explained that the program allows members to access consultations and other basic health services, helping strengthen health protection for transport workers.

Aside from enrollment assistance, drivers also availed of free medical check-ups and medicines during the rollout.

The initiative underscores ongoing efforts of national and local government agencies, together with partner organizations, to provide both financial relief and accessible health care to transport workers affected by high fuel prices and economic pressures.

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late SPS. PROCESO LACSAMANA JR. and ZENaida MERCADO LACSAMANA, who died intestate on August 23, 2019 and May 7, 2005, both at City of San Fernando, Pampanga respectively over their estate covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 336603-R containing an area of TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT (23,488) square meters, more or less... before Notary Public Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 515; Page No. 104; Book No. XIV; Series of 2025.

RURAL BANK OF PORAC (PAMP.), INC.
Name of Bank

043835
Bank Code

PBS_Solo

Balance Sheet (Head Office and Branches) - Solo
For the quarter Ended 31 March 2026

ASSETS

ASSETS	Account Code	Amount		
		Current Quarter C0010	Previous Quarter C0020	
Cash and Cash Items	108000000000000000	R0010	32,972,193.79	36,303,522.50
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	105150000000000000	R0020	60,792,007.77	52,846,661.60
Due from Other Central Banks and Banks - Net	105220000000000000	R0030	170,319,540.68	172,418,530.77
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (FVPL) 1/	113000000000000000	R0040		
Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) - Net	195210000000000000	R0050		
Debt Securities at Amortized Cost - Net	195241000000000000	R0060	1,053,540,664.42	1,037,822,311.51
Loans to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	140050000000000000	R0080		
Interbank Loans Receivable	140100000000000000	R0090		
Loans and Receivables - Others	140150300000000000	R0100	1,347,504,300.62	1,301,978,436.01
Loans and Receivables Arising from RA/CA/PR/SLB	140200000000000000	R0110		
Total Loan Portfolio (TLP) - Gross	499020000000000000	R0120	1,347,504,300.62	1,301,978,436.01
Allowance for Credit Losses 2/	499800000000000000	R0130	37,678,709.22	37,178,709.22
Total Loan Portfolio - Net	195400000000000000	R0070	1,309,825,591.40	1,264,799,726.79
Equity Investment in Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures - Net	195452500000000000	R0140		
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment - Net	195500500000000000	R0150	75,331,287.58	62,066,464.60
Real and Other Properties Acquired - Net	195501000000000000	R0160	87,626,473.70	88,673,979.79
Sales Contract Receivables - Net	195451500000000000	R0170	22,470,131.20	25,907,069.19
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	150150000000000000	R0180		
Other Assets - Net	152500000000000000	R0190	101,709,009.46	105,677,962.07
Net Due from Head Office/Branches/Agencies (Philippine branch of a foreign bank)	155250000000000000	R0200		
TOTAL ASSETS	100000000000000000	R0210	2,914,586,900.00	2,846,516,228.82

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

	Account Code	Amount		
		Current Quarter C0010	Previous Quarter C0020	
Liabilities				
Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (FVPL) 3/	208000000000000000	R0010		
Deposit Liabilities	215000000000000000	R0020	2,333,804,724.91	2,262,546,548.97
Due to Other Banks	220050000000000000	R0030		
Bills Payable	220100000000000000	R0040	-	-
BSP (Rediscounting and Other Advances)	220100001500000000	R0050		
Interbank Loans Payable	220100002000000000	R0060	-	-
Other Borrowings, including Deposit Substitutes	220100003500000000	R0070		
Bonds Payable-Net	295201500000000000	R0090		
Unsecured Subordinated Debt - Net	295202000000000000	R0100		
Redeemable Preferred Shares	220250000000000000	R0110		
Other Liabilities	240200000000000000	R0120	78,906,506.83	84,750,854.63
Net Due to Head Office/Branches/Agencies (Philippine branch of a foreign bank)	230850000000000000	R0130		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	200000000000000000	R0140	2,412,711,231.74	2,347,297,403.60
Stockholders' Equity				
Capital Stock	305000000000000000	R0150	377,316,100.00	377,316,100.00
Additional Paid-In Capital	305200000000000000	R0160		
Undivided Profits	315150000000000000	R0220	16,436,680.47	61,259,058.47
Retained Earnings	315000000000000000	R0170	117,407,820.79	69,928,599.75
Other Capital Accounts	335200000000000000	R0180	-9,284,933.00	-9,284,933.00
Assigned Capital	325200000000000000	R0190		
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	300000000000000000	R0200	501,875,668.26	499,218,825.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	905000000000000000	R0210	2,914,586,900.00	2,846,516,228.82

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS

	Account Code	Amount		
		Current Quarter C0010	Previous Quarter C0020	
Guarantees Issued	405000000000000000	R0010		
Financial Standby Letters of Credit	410050000000000000	R0020		
Performance Standby Letters of Credit	410100000000000000	R0030		
Commercial Letters of Credit	415000000000000000	R0040		
Trade Related Guarantees	420000000000000000	R0050		
Commitments	425000000000000000	R0060		
Spot Foreign Exchange Contracts	430000000000000000	R0070		
Securities Held Under Custodianship by Bank Proper	495220000000000000	R0080		
Trust Department Accounts	495250000000000000	R0090		
Derivatives	435000000000000000	R0100		
Others	440000000000000000	R0110	789.00	782.00
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	400000000000000000	R0120	789.00	782.00

FINANCIAL INDICATORS (in %)

FINANCIAL INDICATORS (in %)	Account Code	Amount		
		Current Quarter C0010	Previous Quarter C0020	
ASSET QUALITY				
Gross Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	499150500000000000	R0010	5.49	4.43
Net NPL Ratio	499151000000000000	R0020	4.21	3.27
Gross NPL Coverage Ratio	499152500000000000	R0030	50.92	64.39
Net NPL Coverage Ratio	499153000000000000	R0040	34.83	43.38
RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS				
Ratio of Loans to Related Parties to gross TLP	499401000000000000	R0060	0.36	0.23
Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Related Parties to Total Loans to Related Parties	499401500000000000	R0070	0.00	0.00
Ratio of DOSRI Loans to gross TLP	499451000000000000	R0090	0.36	0.39
Ratio of Non-Performing DOSRI Loans to Total Loans to DOSRI	499451500000000000	R0100	0.00	0.00
LIQUIDITY				
Liquidity Coverage Ratio 4/	499550500000000000	R0110		
Net Stable Funding Ratio 4/	499551000000000000	R0120		
Minimum Liquidity Ratio 5/	499551500000000000	R0130	62.29	63.05
PROFITABILITY				
Return on Equity (ROE)	499350000000000000	R0140	3.30	14.01
Return on Assets	499351000000000000	R0150	2.05	2.44
Net Interest Margin	499351500000000000	R0160	6.40	8.13
CAPITAL ADEQUACY				
Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio	499650501500000000	R0170	23.49	24.43
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	499650501000000000	R0180	23.49	24.43
CAR	499650500500000000	R0190	24.07	25.05
LEVERAGE				
Basel III Leverage Ratio 4/	499850000000000000	R0200		
Deferred Charges not yet Written Down	499700000000000000	R0210		

1/ This account is comprised of Financial Assets Held for Trading (HFT), Debt Securities Designated at FVPL, and Other Financial Assets Mandatorily Measured

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SVP | Chief Operations Officer

Reconnection, Discovery, and a Taste of the City: The Marco Polo Ortigas Manila and Pasig Experience



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There are trips that simply let you rest, and there are journeys that make you reconnect — with people, places, and experiences that stay with you long after checkout. That was exactly what the Pampanga Press Club experienced during its recent stay at Marco Polo Ortigas Manila.

Through the invitation of Sales and Marketing Director Francis David, PPC members were treated to a refreshing 5-star escape high above the Ortigas skyline — one that blended comfort, culture, food, and meaningful conversations.

For many of us, the trip also became a reunion of sorts with Francis, whom we first met during the pandemic while he was still with a different hotel in Clark. Years later, the connection remained, only this time set against the elegant backdrop of Marco Polo Ortigas Manila.

A Warm Welcome

The experience began with an elegant lunch setup that immediately made everyone feel special. Styled like a wedding reception, the venue featured floral arrangements, a pristine white multi-layer cake, and music that perfectly matched the sophisticated atmosphere.

The afternoon became even more engaging through conversations with the hotel team led by General Manager Fredrik Johansson, who shared the hotel's vision of creating memorable stays and meaningful guest experiences, and a look-see of what is ahead.

Dinner, meanwhile, was a “Crafted Table” experience — a carefully curated sampling of the hotel's buffet favorites and signature dishes that highlighted the property's culinary excellence.

Known for its spacious rooms, refined interiors, and panoramic city views, Marco Polo Ortigas Manila continues to stand out not only as a luxury hotel, but also as a premier venue for meetings, celebrations, and milestone events.

Its signature dining destinations — Cucina, Lung Hin, Connect Lounge, Café Pronto, and Vu's Sky Bar and Lounge — each offer distinct flavors and experiences that bring together local influences and international flair.

And after a full day of food and fellowship, nothing felt more rewarding than ending the night with a relaxing dip in the hotel's heated pool.

Exploring the Heart of Pasig

What made the experience even more memorable was the thoughtfully curated Pasig City tour organized in partnership with the Cultural Affairs and Tourism Office of Pasig.

The tour gave guests a deeper appreciation of the city's heritage, culture, and hidden gems beyond its modern skyline.

One of the first stops was the Maybunga Rainforest Park, where we were welcomed by a lively marching band. The park served as a refreshing green escape in the middle of the urban landscape, complete with attractions like its Butterfly House.

The group also visited the iconic Pasig Revolving Tower, a 12-storey structure built in 1974 that became famous for its slowly rotating restaurant floor and panoramic city views.

Lunch was another highlight at Ado's Panciteria, a beloved local dining spot known for its flavorful pancit dishes. For a self-confessed pancit lover, the stop quickly became one of the most exciting parts of the tour.

We also explored the iconic Panaderia Dimas-Alang, home of the famous “Hindi Ko Akalain” delicacy, before heading to Bahay na Tisa, a heritage house filled with stories that offered a glimpse into Pasig's rich history and culture.

More Than a Hotel Stay

Through experiences like this, Marco Polo Ortigas Manila

continues to redefine what city stays can be. It is not just about luxury accommodations or beautiful spaces — it is about creating connections, discovering culture, and turning simple moments into unforgettable memories.

Because sometimes, the best kind of travel is not the one that takes you the farthest. It is the one that makes you feel something real while living in the now and at the same time giving utmost appreciation and homage to what was.

